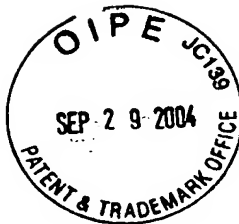


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below and amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.